

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes  
no

Property Name: Keilholtz House Inventory Number: F-6-140  
Address: 10904 Harney Road Historic district: yes ☒ no  
City: Emmitsburg Zip Code: 21727 County: Frederick  
USGS Quadrangle(s): Emmitsburg  
Property Owner: Vernon G. and Blanche Keilholtz Tax Account ID Number: 164702  
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 65 Tax Map Number: 9 5 ac.  
Project: Mason-Dixon Country Club Agency: Corps of Engineers  
Agency Prepared By: Paula Reed and Associates, Inc.  
Preparer's Name: Paige Phifer Date Prepared: 3/15/2006  
Documentation is presented in: Atlas of Frederick County Maryland, C. O. Titus & Co., Philadelphia, PA, 1873. MIHP#F-6-72 form, 1991. "The Life and Times of John & Helen Fuss," John Fuss, Jr., Emmitsburg Area Hist. Soc.

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☒ Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B ☒ C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*

Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_

Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible: yes Listed: yes

Site visit by MHT Staf yes ☒ no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Fronting on the north side of Harney Road at the top of a low hill, the Keilholtz House is a two story, four bay brick house built in the Late Queen Anne style with a Colonial Revival porch. The one-over-one sash windows have decorative standing brick arches above with wood infill. The hipped roof has a large central brick chimney, wide eaves and is covered in asphalt shingles. The house has prominent cross gable "dormers" on the front façade and three sides. The dormers have wood shingles and scroll cut gabled peak elements. A two-story semi-hexagonal projecting bay on the southeast corner has a hexagonal roof topped with an iron finial. The ground-level wrap around porch is supported by smooth Doric columns.

Attached to the northeast corner of the main house is a 1 1/2 story frame wash house with German clapboard siding and an exterior brick chimney. First floor windows are six-over-six sash. The wash house is now attached to the main house by a partially enclosed side porch. The roof is corrugated metal.

A small, two-story frame ground barn/carriage house is located in the rear yard north of the main house. The barn has a recessed forebay in the south elevation, vertical board siding, and a standing seam metal roof. There are several shed attachments to the

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MHT Comments:

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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Reviewer, National Register Program

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barn.

The property is enclosed by a whitewashed post and board fence.

The Keilholtz House was constructed in 1907 by Rowe Ohler to which he moved his family when his youngest daughter Helen was five years old. Helen and her husband John Fuss purchased the eight-room house in 1946 "after the death of Helen's mother for \$3,675. It was rented to Pete and Elizabeth Aldridge and later to Wimer and Betty Baker. The latter had a large family and experienced difficulty in meeting the \$40.00 per month payment, so they fell behind..By 1956, Helen decided that she did not want to care for the eight room, two story house when she retired. The property was sold to Vernon and Blanche Keilholtz for \$12,000. The Keilholtz family were their neighbors until John and Helen died..John and Helen established a close relationship with the Keilholtz couple. Vernon was an active cattle and livestock dealer." (from "The Life and Times of John & Helen Fuss," John Fuss, Jr., Emmitsburg Area Historical Society.)

The Keilholtz House stands on the approximate location of the Fairview School as shown on the 1873 Atlas Map of Frederick County. Built in 1907, the Queen Anne style house post-dates the school shown on the map. Its relative grandure in this rural setting indicates an owner of some substance, which the Rowe Ohler family was said to be.

The Keilholtz House and outbuildings are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion <sup>C</sup>~~A~~ as an intact example of a high-style domestic complex in a rural setting. While most farmsteads in the region were typically vernacular examples of dwelling house and barns, the Keilholtz complex appears more estate-like in its location and landscape. The Keilholtz House is eligible under National Register Criterion C as a very intact example of the Late Queen Anne architectural style as well as displaying a transition to the later Colonial Revival style. Queen Anne features include a two-story projecting bay with turret roof, sharply pitched cross-gables, and decorative ornaments such as scalloped shingles and scroll cut wood work in the peaks of the dormers. Late 19th/early 20th century elements include arched brick window openings and a wrap-around front porch. Colonial Revival style columns are support the front porch.

The house appears to be in excellent condition and its associated domestic out buildings are still intact.

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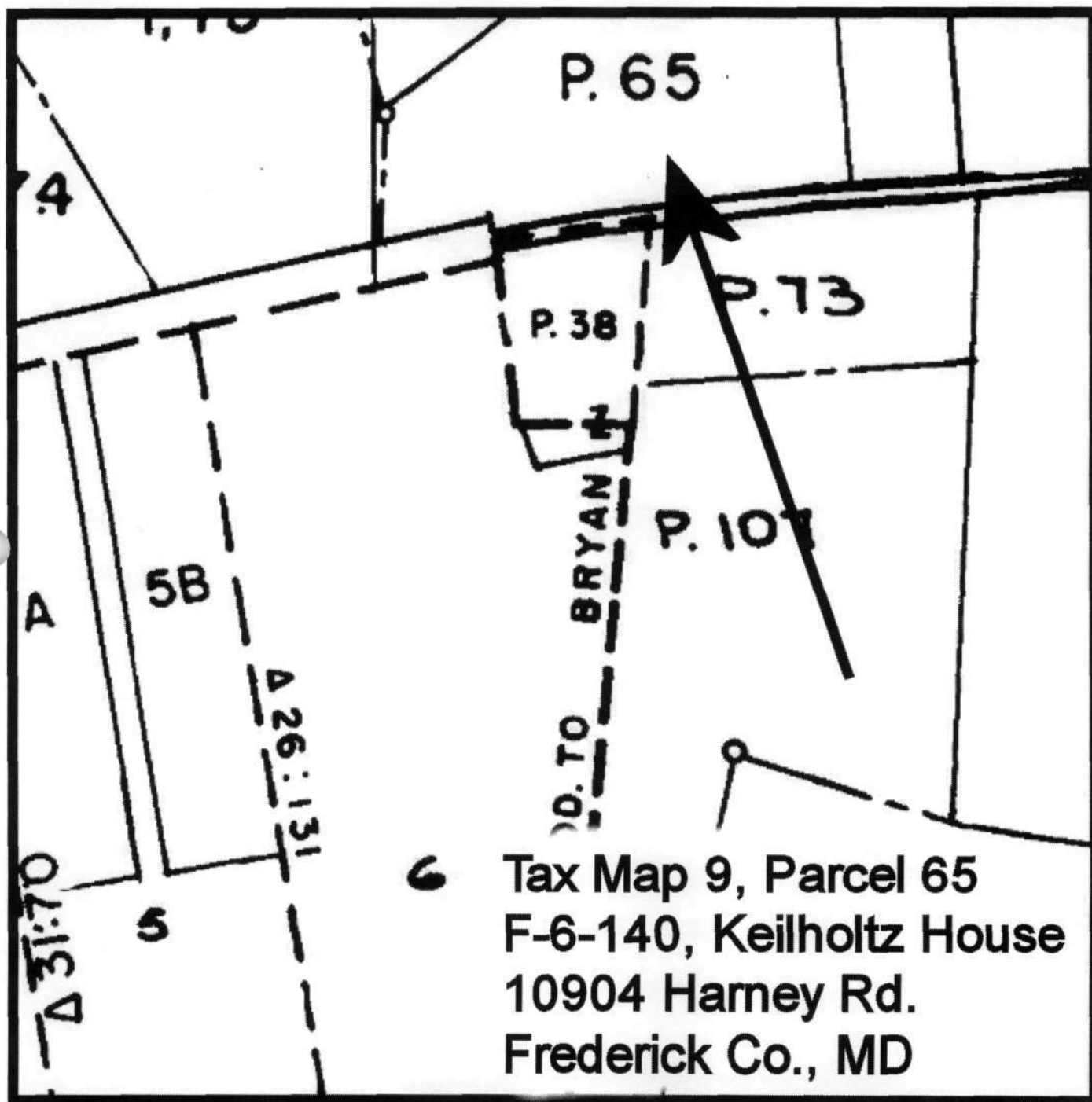
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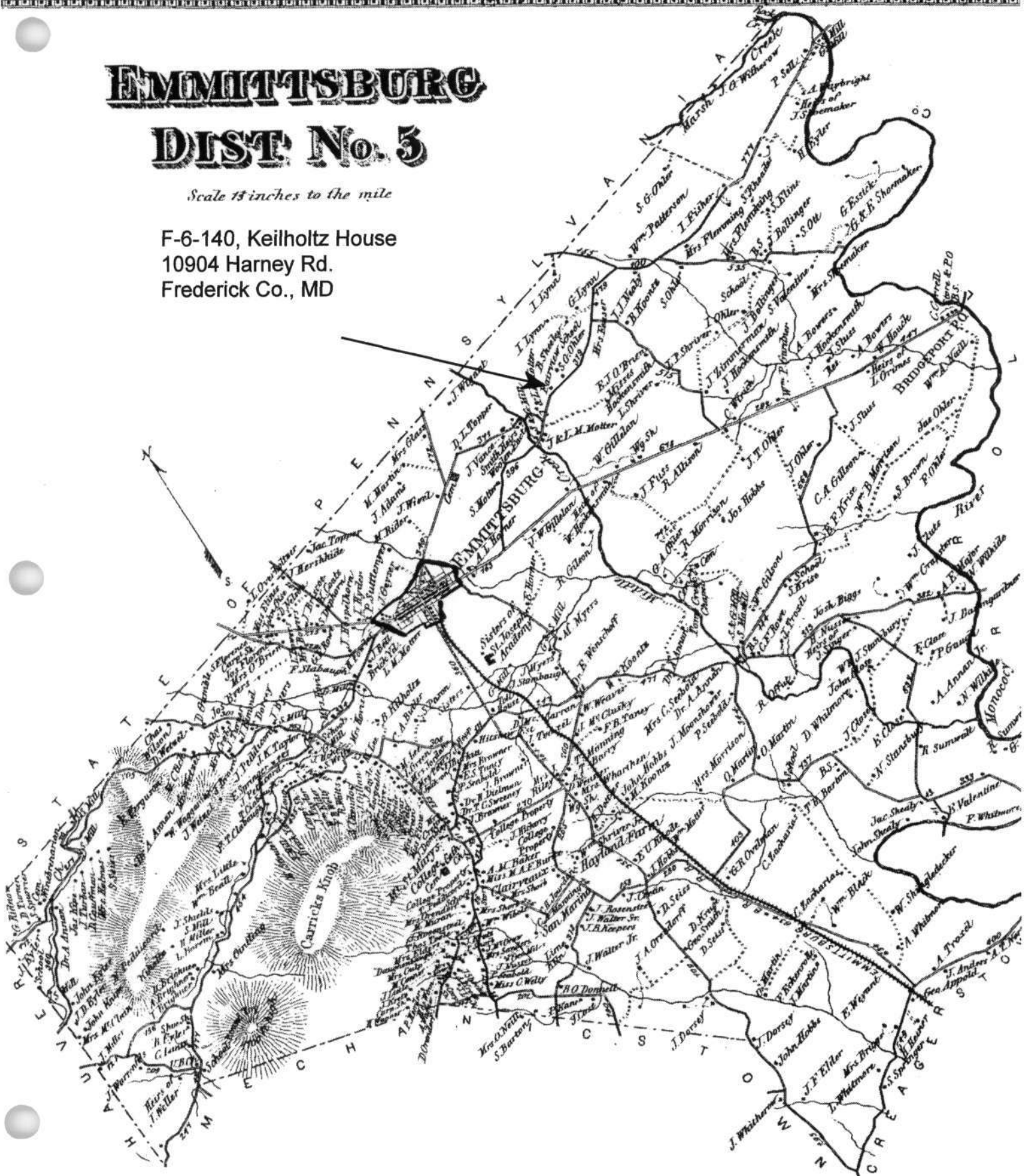


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# 1911 USGS Map

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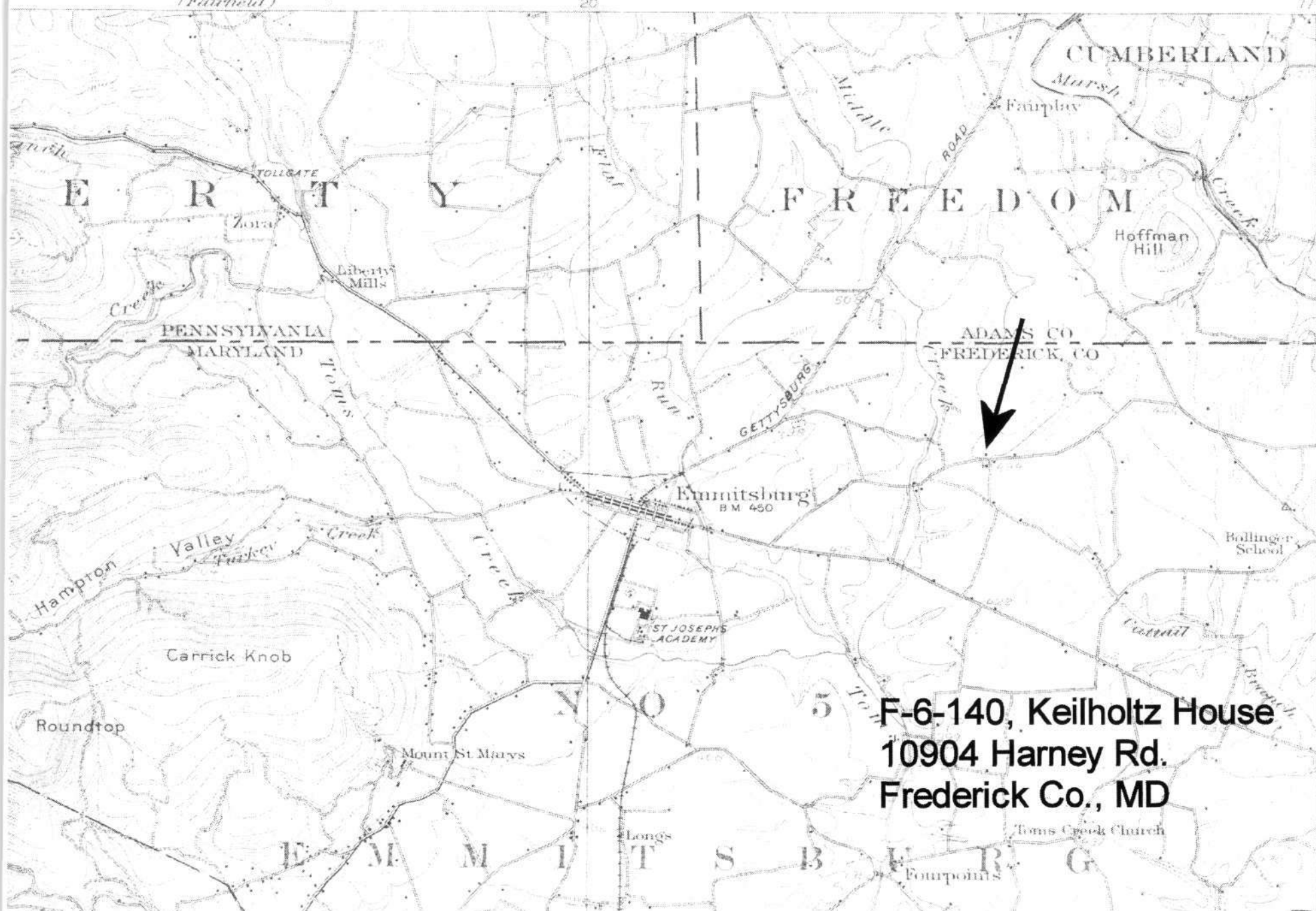
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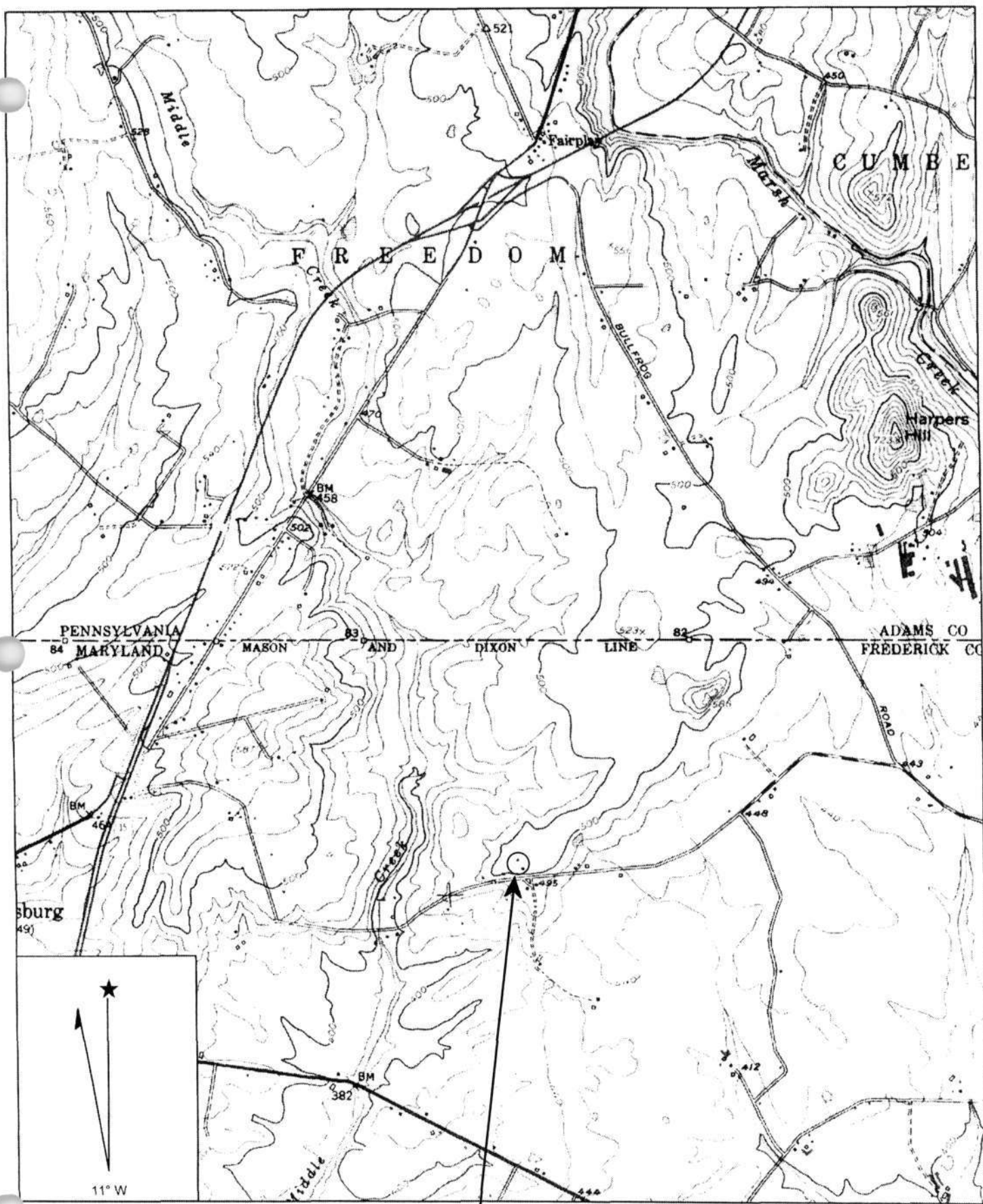
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Name: EMMITSBURG  
 Date: 2/27/2006  
 Scale: 1 inch equals 2000 feet

Location: 039° 43' 16.9" N 077° 17' 19.6" W  
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View to NE of S and W sides of house and outbuildings

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View to NW of S and E sides of house and outbuildings

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